

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A3 U.S. Patent No. 5,940,481 to Zeitman ('481 patent) discloses a parking management control system used to report parking, monitor parking and reserve parking spaces. According to the '481 patent, a user reports parking in a particular parking facility to a central control unit using a personal non-dedicated mobile communications device. The central control unit then confirms whether parking in the particular parking facility is authorized or not. The central control unit also generates a report indicating which parking facilities are supposed to be vacant for law enforcement officials so that unauthorized parking can be ticketed. The '481 patent also discloses that a user can reserve a desired parking facility by selecting a desired parking facility from a map provided from the central control unit. If a potential user, other than the registered user, communicates a request to park in the reserved parking facility, the central control unit transmits a response to the potential user indicating that the parking facility is reserved and not authorized for use.

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A4 As indicated by the broken lines, the controller 11 may be either internal or external to the server 12. An example a controller 11 is a software application loaded on the server 12 for commanding and directing communications enabled by the server 12. Other examples include a program, a piece of code, an instruction, a device, a computer, a computer system, or a combination thereof, for independently or collectively instructing the server 12 to interact and operate as described herein. The controller 11 may be embodied permanently or temporarily in any type of machine, component, and/or equipment. The controller 11 transmits commands to the server through a first connection 17, which may be any communication path capable of carrying commands between the controller 11 and the server 12.

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

AS The first parking lot 13 and the second parking lot 14 may be any parking lot that services a hospital, airport, mass transit station, entertainment forum, shopping mall, department store, grocery store, or the like. Each of the first parking lot 13 and the second parking lot 14 are equipped with detectors (not shown) for detecting the status information for each of the parking lots 13,14. The detectors may be any type of device capable of ascertaining whether a parking space is occupied or not. The detected status information includes at least the location of vacant parking spaces within the parking lots 13, 14. The status information, however, may include the occupancy status of every parking space within the parking lots 13, 14 or any other information concerning the status of the parking lots 13,14. The first parking lot and second parking lot are also equipped with communication devices (not shown) for communicating the status information to the server 12. The communications devices may be any type of internal or external device such as a computer, server, application, and/or program capable of conveying the status information to the server 12.

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

AB The general-purpose computer 161 may include an input/output interface 170 for wired or wireless connection to various peripheral devices. Examples of peripheral devices include, but are not limited to, a mouse 171, a mobile phone 172, a personal digital assistant 173 (PDA), a keyboard 174, an on-board vehicle or PC display monitor 175 with or without a touch screen input, and/or a TV remote control 176 for receiving information from and rendering information to subscribers.

[(Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:)

Although Fig. 2 illustrates devices such as a mobile telephone 172, a PDA 173, and a TV remote control 176 as being peripheral with respect to the general-purpose computer 161, in another implementation, such devices may include the functionality of the general-purpose

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computer 161 and operate as the display device 16. For example, the mobile phone 172 or the PDA 173 may include computing and networking capabilities and function as a display device 16 by accessing the Internet 15 and communicating with the server 12. Furthermore, the display device 16 may include one, some or all of the components and devices described above.

[Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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As described above, the present invention will facilitate a commuter's search for a parking space by utilizing the capabilities of the Internet to display a real-time representation of available parking spaces within a parking lot.

[**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add claims 21-40 as follows.

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21. A parking system comprising:
a server that is accessible over the Internet by a subscriber using a wireless communications device; and
a software application that instructs the server to transmit parking data over the Internet to the wireless communications device of the subscriber, wherein
the parking data can be rendered by the subscriber using the wireless communications device as a substantially real-time representation indicating an occupancy condition of an available parking lot, and
the occupancy condition changes according to presence and absence of vacant parking spaces within the available parking lot.

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22. The parking system of claim 21 wherein the available parking lot comprises a public parking lot.